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II. REMARKS

Examiner is requested to consider the application in view of the foregoing amendment.

As per a telephone message exchange with the Examiner, Applicant attempted to amend the claims pending prior to filing the RCE to overcome the outstanding rejection, but the amendment after final was improper. Thus, the RCE was used to make the amendment to overcome the outstanding rejection.

By the present amendment, Applicant is re-inserting the formerly pending claims, as amended. In addition to Applicant's previously presented arguments, it is respectfully submitted that the cited art relied upon in the prior rejection does not show the claimed on an outbound communication path in connection with the respective claims.

Should the Examiner deem it appropriate to restrict the claims added by this amendment from the other claims, as Applicant proposes, to elect the added claims 34-66 without traverse.

Favorable action is respectfully requested, and Applicant is again willing to travel to Washington DC for a personal interview if it could in any way assist the Examiner.

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III. CONCLUSION

The application, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235, and if any extension of time is needed to reply to said office action, this shall be deemed a petition therefor.

If the prosecution of this case can be in any way advanced by a telephone discussion, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (312) 240-0824.

Respectfully submitted,

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